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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

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In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on June 1, 2006, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on December 1, 2006. Applicant herewith submits payment of the requisite fee for a three-month extension of time.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.